

Moral Relativism Scale (MRS and Moral Tolerance Scale (MTS)

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This document presents the Moral Relativism Scale (MRS) and the Moral Tolerance Scale (MTS), including scoring instructions.

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Moral Relativism Scale (MRS)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

Item	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Different people can have opposing views on what is moral and immoral without anyone being wrong	1	2	3	4	5
2. People can disagree on what is morally right without anyone being wrong.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Two different cultures could have dissimilar moral rules and both be "right."	1	2	3	4	5
4. One's own culture determines whether that person's actions are "right" or "wrong."	1	2	3	4	5
5. The viewpoint of one's culture determines whether their actions are morally right	1	2	3	4	5
6. There is a moral standard that all actions should be held to, even if cultures disagree. (R)	1	2	3	4	5
7. Each person is the final authority on whether his or her actions really are morally correct	1	2	3	4	5
8. An action is only morally wrong if a person believes it is morally wrong.	1	2	3	4	5
9. There are moral rules that apply to everyone regardless of personal beliefs. (R)	1	2	3	4	5
10. The same moral standards should be followed by people from all cultures. (R)	1	2	3	4	5

MRS Scoring:

As indicated above, MRS items 6, 9, and 10 are negatively-keyed. After reverse-scoring these items, average an individual's responses across all 10 MRS items.

Moral Tolerance Scale (MTS)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

Item	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
1. I respect the moral beliefs of others, even if they differ from my own.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I do not judge the moral views of others, even if my own views are different from theirs.	1	2	3	4	5
3. It is difficult for me to respect people with moral beliefs that differ from my own. (R)	1	2	3	4	5
4. I do not convince others to conform to my views on morality.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I find it difficult to tolerate the moral views of others if they oppose my own. (R)	1	2	3	4	5
6. Although my moral beliefs differ from those in other cultures, I don't judge the moral beliefs of those cultures.	1	2	3	4	5
7. If I think that a person is wrong about a moral issue, I try to convince them that they are wrong. (R)	1	2	3	4	5
8. Even if I disagree with someone's moral views, I won't try to force them to convert to mine.	1	2	3	4	5
9. Regardless of what another person believes is right, I do not feel they must convert to my view.	1	2	3	4	5
10. If I disagree with someone's moral views, I do not try to force them to see my point of view.	1	2	3	4	5

MTS Scoring:

As indicated above, MTS items 3, 5, and 7 are negatively-keyed. After reverse-scoring these items, average an individual's responses across all 10 MTS items.